

I am new to ham radio (but have been an SWL for a many years) and am strongly opposed to this petition RM-10782). The challenge of learning and becoming highly proficient at CW and QRP ham radio are the primary factors that are drawing me into the hobby. The voice modes seem to becoming more and more like CB every year. Few would dispute that there is much more courtesy among CW ops. Retaining Element 1 -- especially when supplemented with an expansion of the CW subbands for Technicians -- would encourage the efficient usage of the increasingly crowded radio spectrum by a mode that, while simple, is still (arguably) the most effective way to communicate in the hobby.